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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON AMERICAN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL PETITIONS REGARDING UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND PAYPHONE ISSUES

CC Docket No. 96-45; WC Docket No. 03-109

Comment Date: January 18, 2011
Reply Comment Date: February 2, 2011

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition for interim relief and a petition for rulemaking filed on December 6, 2010, by American Public Communications Council (APCC).¹ Specifically, the APCC petition for interim relief seeks “immediate” action by the Commission to allow eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) to receive Lifeline support from the Universal Service Fund (USF) for the payphone line service they currently provide.² APCC proposes that payphone line service be eligible for Lifeline support at \$10 per month per line for all publicly available phones.³ Further, the APCC petition for rulemaking requests the Commission to create a new Lifeline Tier 5 “Payphone Service” level⁴ and to amend sections 54.400, 54.403, 54.407, and 54.410 of the Commission’s rules to make payphone lines permanently eligible for Lifeline support.⁵

Interested parties may file **comments on or before January 18, 2011**, and **reply comments on or before February 2, 2011**. All pleadings are to reference **CC Docket No. 96-45** and **WC Docket No. 03-109**. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁶

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- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

¹ American Public Communications Council Emergency Petition for Interim Relief to Prevent the Disappearance of Payphones, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed Dec. 6, 2010) (Petition for Interim Relief); American Public Communications Council Petition for Rulemaking to Provide Lifeline Support to Payphone Line Service, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed Dec. 6, 2010) (Petition for Rulemaking).

² See Petition for Interim Relief at 6-7.

³ *Id.* at 5; see also Petition for Rulemaking at 28-29.

⁴ Petition for Rulemaking at 29.

⁵ Petition for Rulemaking at 27-30, 32, Attachment.

⁶ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998); see also *FCC Announces Change in Filing Location for Paper Documents*, DA 09-2529, Public Notice, 24 FCC Rcd 14312 (Dec. 3, 2009).

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- (2) Rebekah L. Bina, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B521, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: rebekah.bina@fcc.gov;
- (3) Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A452, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: charles.tyler@fcc.gov.

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⁷ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁸ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).